

City of Dumas

News Release

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The large water main leak that caused yesterday's water emergency has been repaired. Dumas water customers who did not experience water pressure problems on Friday—and that will be the vast majority of our customers—may resume normal water use, including outside watering.

However, for those customers who did experience water pressure loss on Friday, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is requiring the City of Dumas water utility to continue to advise customers of the need to boil their water prior to consumption.

Specific areas in the Dumas community that experienced no water service or low water pressure include the following:

- Mooretex customers
- DeKalb Addition
- Parts of Dumas south of 14th St.

If you experienced low pressure or if you lost your water service on Friday, August 16, you are encouraged to adhere to the instructions on this notice.

To ensure destruction of all harmful bacteria and other microbes, water for drinking, cooking, and making ice should be boiled and cooled prior to use. The water should be brought to a vigorous, rolling boil and then boiled for two minutes. In lieu of boiling, you may purchase bottled water or obtain water from some other suitable source.

When it is no longer necessary to boil the water, the City of Dumas will issue a notice through the media that the water is safe for consumption.

The boil water advisory will be lifted when water samples pass required bacteriological testing. It may take a few days to obtain these test results.

Again, if you did not experience water pressure problems on Friday, August 16, the boil water advisory does not apply to you.

If you have questions concerning this matter, you may contact the City of Dumas water utilities office at 806-935-4101 during business hours or after-hours and weekends at 935-2151. If a customer wishes to contact the TCEQ, they may call 512-239-4691.

For questions about this news release, call City Manager Vince DiPiazza at 421-8013 or the Dumas/Moore County emergency management office at 934-9520.